

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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August 12, 2003

FROM: **RAYMOND B. WINGERD**, Chief Probation Officer
 Probation Department

SUBJECT: **CONTRACT FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE COURT**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Contract with the State of California, Department of the Youth Authority for diagnostic services and temporary detention for juvenile offenders not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Prior to sentencing certain juvenile offenders to a California Youth Authority (CYA) facility, judges require a diagnostic study of the juvenile. The study, performed solely by the CYA, may include an evaluative social history, psychological testing, and psychiatric study. Individuals accepted for diagnostic study are generally housed at a Youth Authority facility, except when impractical due to the location of the referring court. Upon completion of the study, a detailed report is provided, which contains a recommendation to the referring court for disposition.

Since June 2001, the Board of Supervisors has approved successive annual contracts with the CYA in the amount of \$400,000 each. This year the Department is requesting to continue contracting services with the CYA in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. This reduction in the contract amount is consistent with the recent pattern of diagnostic treatment activity; expenditures were \$242,000 in 2000/01, \$211,000 in 2001/02 and \$104,000 in 2002/03.

The FY 2003-04 rate established by CYA is \$5,315 per month per youth, which includes a ten percent increase over the prior fiscal year rate of \$4,832 per month. The maximum time allowed for each diagnostic study is 90 days; thus, each referral may require a maximum dollar cost of \$15,945. However, the department has observed that most studies average 30 days, with approximately two studies performed per month. The number of total youth evaluated has fallen from 61 in 2000/01, to 48 in 2001/02, to 21 in 2002/03.

Retroactive Justification: We request this contract be approved retroactive to July 1, 2003, as submission of this item has been delayed until passage of the state budget.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Dawn Stafford, Deputy County Counsel) July 29, 2003, and the County Administrative Office (Vicki Kratzke, Administrative Analyst) August 5, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost associated with this item in the amount of \$150,000 is included in the Department's FY 2003-04 Budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Raymond B. Wingerd, Chief Probation Officer (909) 387-5693

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